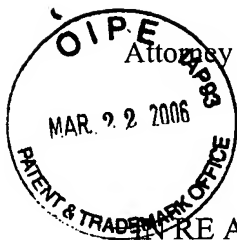


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Soo Young Choi, et al.

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FOR: CONTROLLING THE PROPERTIES AND  
UNIFORMITY OF A SILICON NITRIDE FILM  
BY CONTROLLING THE FILM FORMING  
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§ GROUP ART UNIT: 2813

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**AMENDMENT "B" UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This Amendment "B" is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, having a three month period for response by March 23, 2006.

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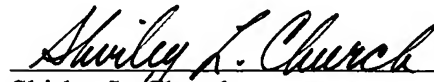
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Applicants do not believe that any additional fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response "B" Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. However, in the event that any additional fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2635 of DUCKOR SPRADLING METZGER & WYNNE, in the amount of such fee.

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Sir:

This Amendment "B" is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response of March 23, 2006.

Claims 1 - 23 are pending in the application. Claims 1 - 3, 5 - 21 and 23 are allowed. Claims 4 and 22 are rejected.

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The disclosure is objected to because of an informality which is in the form of a typographical error.

Claims 4 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Please amend the application as follows: